



May 16, 2022

Mayor & City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Spending Plan for Measure Property Tax (Item 8.1 on the May 17th agenda)

Honorable Mayor & City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ending homelessness in San Jose. We very much appreciated the Council's unanimous support of the proposed revisions to the Measure E spending categories last month and are proud to write in support of the detailed spending plan that the Administration has brought forward for your consideration.

We are particularly grateful to see the City investing an additional \$8 million into the countywide Homelessness Prevention System, which will bring the City's total investment over this 3-year period to just under \$15 million.

While we've made significant progress in recent years, we know that we continue to see more families falling into homelessness than we're able to house in a given year. And so, in order to truly solve our homelessness crisis, we must double down on our efforts to attack the problem upstream and reduce the 'inflow' of people becoming homeless.

The countywide Homelessness Prevention System plays a key role in this effort. Since its inception in 2017, the Homelessness Prevention System, and its network of 20 non-profit partners, have provided rental assistance, legal support and other critical services to more than 9,000 at-risk Santa Clara County residents - 92% of whom have remained stably housed. And this funding will go a long way to sustaining the successful program and assisting several hundred more families in the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Loving, CEO, Destination: Home
Poncho Guevara, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Community Service